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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to inform the Federal Election Commission that Grant Lally, candidate for Congress in New York's Third Congressional District is violating election law. His campaign committee number is C00557900.

Specifically, the Lally for Congress campaign has violated 11 CFR 110.16 - Prohibitions on fraudulent misrepresentations.

On May 28, 2014 the Lally for Congress campaign sent out a fundraising email to solicit funds based on a fraudulent misrepresentation that the Lally campaign had received an endorsement of a powerful elected official, County Executive Ed Mangano. Enclosed is a copy of the email.

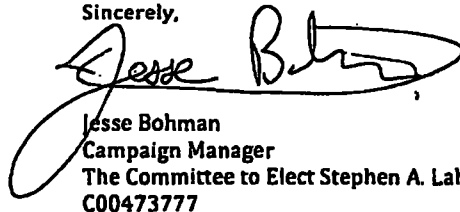
Subsequent to this solicitation, an article came out in *Newsday* in which the Mr. Mangano's office denies issuing any endorsement of Mr. Lally. Enclosed is a copy of the *Newsday* article. Following this revelation, the Lally for Congress campaign removed all references to this fraudulent endorsement from their campaign websites and twitter feeds. However, there has been no retraction of the Lally for Congress press release announcing this fraudulent endorsement from any of the media outlets that published this information.

The fact that Lally for Congress would fabricate an endorsement from a high ranking, influential elected official, and use that to fraudulently solicit funds from the public appears to be a blatant violation of 11 CFR 110.16. Quoting the statute "No person shall—(1) Fraudulently misrepresent the person as speaking, writing, or otherwise acting for or on behalf of any candidate or political party or employee or agent thereof for the purpose of soliciting contributions or donations."

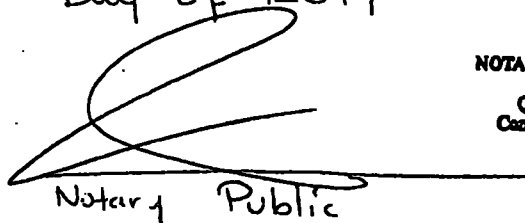
Mr. Lally is no stranger to violating election law having paid one of the largest fines in FEC history details of which are contained in the following FEC files [http://www.fec.gov/disclosure\\_data/mur/4362.pdf](http://www.fec.gov/disclosure_data/mur/4362.pdf) and [http://www.fec.gov/disclosure\\_data/mur/4128.pdf](http://www.fec.gov/disclosure_data/mur/4128.pdf).

We look forward to your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jesse Bohman  
Campaign Manager  
The Committee to Elect Stephen A. Labate, Inc.  
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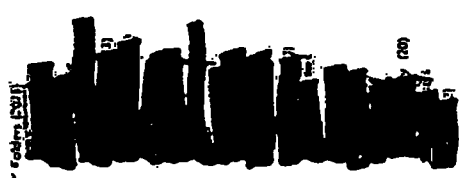
  
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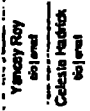
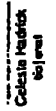
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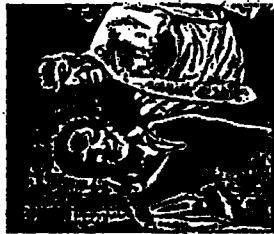
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## C.D.3 : Lally announces Mangano endorsement exec's aides say he never issued

Wednesday May 28, 2014 7:18 PM By Laura Figueroa



Whether Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano issued an endorsement in the Republican 3rd Congressional District primary came into question Wednesday, as one candidate charged the other with "falsely" claiming Mangano's support.

Grant Lally, a Menoche attorney running against Stephen Labatta, a Deer Park financial planner, in the June 24th primary, sent an email to supporters Wednesday morning touting an endorsement by Mangano — an endorsement Mangano's spokesman said the county executive never issued.

In a news release that included a picture of Lally standing with Mangano, and in a subsequent campaign fundraising email, Mangano is quoted as saying: "I am proud to endorse Grant Lally for Congress, and urge all Republicans to get out and vote for Grant in the June 24th Republican primary."

When asked to confirm the endorsement Wednesday afternoon, Mangano spokesman Brian Nanni said: "I am unaware of the endorsement."

Labatta, an Iraq War veteran who ran unsuccessfully against incumbent Rep. Steve Israel (D-Huntington) in 2012, issued a statement saying the "campaign speaks to the County Executive's office and they deny issuing any endorsement." Nanni confirmed the conversation did take place.

In a phone interview Lally said his campaign "jumps the gun" on announcing the endorsement. Lally said his campaign has been in contact with Mangano aides about the wording of an endorsement statement, that



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# County Executive Ed Mangano endorses Grant Lally for Congress!

Dear friend,

I am honored to receive the endorsement of County Executive Ed Mangano. No one has fought harder for the hardworking taxpayers than Executive Mangano. Like Executive Mangano, I understand that in order for our quality of life to improve on Long Island, we must fight to keep taxes low, repeal unfair regulations placed on small businesses, and promote good government. As a Congressman, getting taxes and repealing Obamacare will be my top priority. I look forward to working with Executive Mangano on a local level to continue his push to turn Nassau County around.

Please read County Executive Ed Mangano's endorsement below and consider contributing so we can continue the momentum toward defeating DCCC Chairman Steve Israel this November!



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In a statement to supporters, County Executive Mangano said, "More than ever before, America needs principled, conservative patriots serving in our government - especially in Washington." He continued, "Just like we turned Nassau County around by fighting out of control taxes and promoting good government, I am positive Grant Lally will take those same principles to Washington. Grant is not only a strong leader, but also an avid fighter against higher taxes that are hurting our families. I am proud to endorse Grant Lally for Congress, and urge all Republicans to get out and vote for Grant in the June 24th Republican primary."

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